guard its interests in the EEC and within the EEC it will help to promote the North-South dialogue; (iv) pending agreements on tourism and science and technology will be expedited; (v) Spanish Government will use its influence with Iberia so that its flights to India which were suspended in February this year will be resumed, (vi) the two sides will participate in the important Trade Fairs in the respective countries.

In Turkey, the following three agreements were signed during Prime Minister's visit:

(i) Maritime Agreement.

(ii) Mutual Judicial Assistance in Civil and Commercial Matters.

(iii) Mutual Judicial Assistance in Criminal Matters.

In addition, an agreement was signed between IRCON and the Turkish National Railways for a US Dollar 25 million railway electrification project. It was also agreed that: (i) a banking delegation led by the Governor of the Central Bank of Turkey will visit India in October/November; (ii) further negotiations for finalishing the Avoidance of Double Taxation Agreement will be held in Delhi in December 1988; and (iii) Turkish side will send an agricultural delegation to India in early spring 1989.

The visits have provided a fresh impetus to our growing relations with the respective countries and we look forward to a strengthening of our cooperation with them, both bilaterally and in international forums.

(d) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Pakistan's Arms Trade with South Africa

1193 SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 10th July, 1988, captioned "Pak arms trade with South Arrica in offing";

(b) if so, what is the Government's information about the arms trade links reportedly growing between Pakistan and South Africa; and

(c) whether any of the international arms dealers having dealings with India are also supplying arms or having trade dealings with South Africa; and whether Government have gone into the likelihood of passing of secret information regarding arms purchased or procured by India to South Africa through the dealers and then on the Pakistan; if so, with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) Government have seen the press report but have no confirmed information regarding any arms deal between Pakistan and South Africa.

(c) Government have no means of securing such information.

Prime Minister's recent visit to Jordan

1194. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the recent visit of Prime Minister to Jordan, Palestenian problem and Iran-Iraq war came up for discussions with Jordanian Government and the monarch of Jordan;

(b) if so, in what precise terms these issues were discused; and

(c) what was the outcome of the discusions and what follow-up action has been taken by the two countries to help resolve the issues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) Both Jordan and India viewed with concern the continuing Palestinian problem and the Iran-Iraq war. India and Jordan endorse the proposal for a UN sponsored international conference to negotiate a comprehensive settlement of the Palestinian problem. They also support the implementation of UNSCR 598 as a means to end the Iran-Iraq war. The two Governments remain in contact with a view to promoting settlements of these issues.

Prime Minister's visit to Yugoslavia

1195. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the Prime Minister's recent visit to Yugoslavia both the countries gave a call to restore the primacy of the United Nations and to reorientate and to attune Non-Aliged Movement to changing situations;

(b) if so, what precise modifications in the role and actibn programme of the NAM were contemplated to attune it to what was called "changing situations" and

(c) what steps have been and are being taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) Discussions are under way to strengthen and to re-orient the NAM in an attempt to amake it more purposeful and relevant in the context of the rapidly changing international scenario. An exercise is being undertaken on how to make the Action Programme short, concise and concrete.

To this end, intensive consultations are being undertaken with other NAM countries.

Prime Minsiter's recent visit to Syria

1196. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during his recent visit to Syria, the Prime Minister and his team discussed with Syrian counterparts the question of implementation of the Geneva Accord in the context of interference by Pakistan by way of arming and training Mujahidians for engineering insurgency in Afghanistan;

(b) if so, what was the stand of Syrian authorities in this regard; and

(c) what agreement, if any, was reached between India and Syria for ensuring proper implementation of the Afghan accord (Geneva Accord) and establishing peace and stability in the region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (PROF. K K. TEWARY): (a) Yes Sir. During Prime Minister's visit to Syria the situation in Afghanistan was among the international issues on which there was an exchange of views.